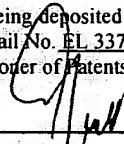


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Prior to calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

7. (Amended) The telecommunications system of Claim 4 [as dependant from Claim 3] wherein at least some of the telephone exchanges are trunk exchanges, and wherein communication between the local exchanges and the trunk exchanges uses ATM.